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*Happy New Year!*



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Hudson Bay Company

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

GEORGA FOSTER

Happy New Year Members and Friends,

Hope all is well with all of you and your families. During this shutdown I have been filling my days with reading as well as Genealogy and history projects. I have added some winter reading to the mix in the newsletter. These two books are very good reading for NW history fans. If anyone has a book they have read or want to recommend please send me a email and I will pass it along.

Wishing all a Happy New Year and hopefully we can get together soon.

*Georgia*

## SOCIETY NEWS

In October we resumed meetings and programs virtually with ZOOM. October was a opportunity to get acquainted again after a long absence of meetings. In November we had a special presentation by Andretta Schellinger The board has been continually surveying programs and presenters for future programs. February will give everyone a chance to attend RootsTech in Salt Lake City. This year its free to all and will have a worldwide audience. Discover genealogical pathways from other countries and explore what the rest of the world is discovering in their family history.

We will try and reconnect with the Clark County Genealogical Society in 2021. We had a field trip planned in spring of 2020 but cancelled. The Clark County Genealogical Library moved last year to a new facility in Vancouver.

As of today, the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center is still closed. Our "homebase" is asking for donations for critical expenses so if you can help please give.

Not much more new to pass on, everyone stay safe, distance and wear masks! Hope to see everyone soon!

## Local historian and genealogist -Sherri Kaseberg

Sherman County resident, local historian and genealogist Sherri Kaseberg is featured in the January **Insider** from the **Genealogical Forum of Oregon**. Read her story here:

<https://gfo.org/learn/our-publications/the-forum-insider.html>



Every man is a quotation from all his ancestors. – Ralph Waldo Emerson

# Timeless Tombstones

## ~ Edward Crate ~



Edward Crate was the first HBC employee to settle in the Columbia River at The Dalles. He and his wife Sophia, a metis, had 14 children and homesteaded on Crates Point, three miles west of the Dalles. Edward (Edwourd) came to the Columbia River area in 1844 to Ft. Vancouver Washington and served as a interpreter and boatman for HBC. Edward and his wife spent time in French Prairie in the Willamette Valley before settling in The Dalles in 1850. Crates Point was named after him and he engaged in ranching, raising cattle and farming tending fruit trees and ground crops. He helped build the first Catholic church in The Dalles under the direction of Rev. L. Rosseau and Rev. Toussaint Mesplie.



HBC and Dr. John McLaughlin Mural - East 2nd St., the Dalles - 2019 - - Foster

**Canadian and early Pacific Northwest history has been promoted by a Facebook group page called Pacific Northwest History ( Pre- Colonial 1850 ) and is administrated by Rene Vancouver, Brad Smith and Rejean Beaulieu. A great resource on early expeditions, adventures and also a good source for publications and documents. Very early settlements and Native culture is promoted.**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1550712771903105>



**Library of Congress copy of "Ross Adventures of the First Settlers on the Oregon or Columbia River" is available for reading or download here:**  
<https://www.loc.gov/resource/lhbtn.th007/?st=gallery>

**Adventures Of The First Settlers On The Oregon Or Columbia River: being a Narrative of the Expedition fitted out by John Jacob Astor, to establish the "Pacific Fur Company;" written account of the Indian Tribes on the Coast of the Pacific. Alexander Ross, one of the adventurers**

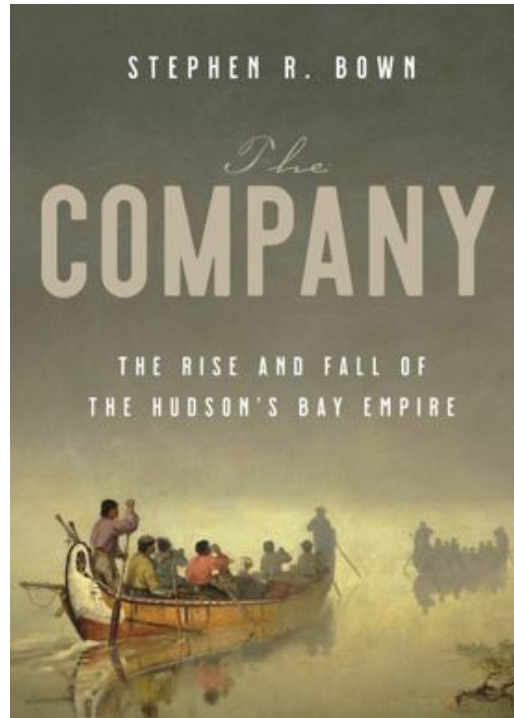


Have a timeless tombstone you would like to share?  
 Send your photos and story to [georga.foster@gmail.com](mailto:georga.foster@gmail.com)



## Winter Reading Suggestions

### "The Company: The Rise and Fall of the Hudson's Bay Empire By Stephen R. Bowen



The Company - Stephen R. Bowen - Released October 17, 2020

*"The sprawling tale begins in 1670 when the company was a small English-controlled trading operation that had agents swapping manufactured goods for furs with the Indigenous people of inland subarctic Canada. Bowen follows its expansion "from the lowlands south and west of Hudson Bay, to the tundra, the great plains, the Rocky Mountains and the Pacific Northwest." He chronicles its rise as a cultural, economic and political juggernaut that controlled the lives of thousands of people and helped shape northern and western North America. Finally, he traces the history to the company's darkest days, when Governor George Simpson assumed ruthless control in the 1800s and established the racist, exploitative policies that left a stain on the company's history. Still, by the time Hudson's Bay had its monopoly rescinded in 1870, it had left behind a dynamic history that lasted 200 years.'*  
Calgary Herald

More on Stephen R. Bowen:

"Offers a contemporary view of Northwest History"

<https://stephenrbown.net/index.php>

<https://stephenrbown.net/the-company-description.php>

[https://www.amazon.com/Company-Rise-Fall-Hudsons-Empire-ebook/dp/B084FKYPJB/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?](https://www.amazon.com/Company-Rise-Fall-Hudsons-Empire-ebook/dp/B084FKYPJB/ref=sr_1_1?dchild=1&keywords=The+company%3A+Hudson+bay&qid=1603993176&s=books&sr=1-1)

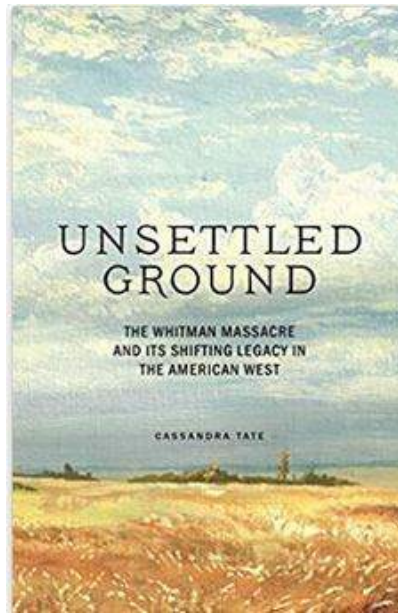
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"Persistence is the secret to success"

## Winter Reading Cont'



### **"Unsettled Ground: The Whitman Massacre and Its Shifting Legacy in the American West" by Cassandra Tate**

Nineteenth-century attack by Native Americans on a Presbyterian mission in what would become the Oregon Territory proved to be a turning point in the history of the American West. This book examines the tangled legacy of that event. ~Amazon

Tate, a former journalist who worked for papers in the Northwest before earning a PhD in history at the University of Washington in 1995, has written a convincing tale of misery and ultimate failure of the mission. Not one Native was converted to Christianity, and the mission became a supply stop for emigrants on the Oregon Trail with dreams of settling in Oregon Country. The would-be settlers were oblivious to the fact they were overtaking vast lands that had provided sustenance to the Natives for centuries. ~ Inlander- Nov.17, 2020



Frances Fuller Victor-[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Whitman\\_massacre](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Whitman_massacre)

More about Cassandra Tate:

CASSANDRA TATE is a Seattle-based writer and editor. A former journalist, she earned a Ph.D in American history at the University of Washington in 1995. She is the author of *Cigarette Wars: The Triumph of "The Little White Slaver."* Her work has been published in *Smithsonian*, *Columbia Journalism Review*, and other national magazines, and she has contributed more than 200 articles to *HistoryLink.org*, the online encyclopedia of Washington State history. She is a former Nieman Fellow at Harvard University.

## Genealogy Tidbits

### 1950 Census Update

It's getting closer! The 1950 Federal Census is scheduled to be release in April of 2022. New information was gathered in this census such as housing questions, home ownership, utilities. During the 1950 census, approximately 143,000 enumerators canvassed households in the United States, territories of Alaska and Hawaii, American Samoa, the Canal Zone, Guam, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and some of the smaller island territories. The U.S. Census Bureau also enumerated Americans living abroad for the first time in 1950. Provisions were made to count members of the armed forces, crews of vessels, and employees of the United States government living in foreign countries, along with any members of their families also abroad.



### Happy Anniversary GFO!! Happy 75th!

In 1946, three members of the Daughters of the American Revolution founded the Genealogical Forum of Oregon for the purpose of promoting genealogical research through education and providing tools, assistance, and offering expertise to its members. The name was chosen because it reflected the spirit of a roundtable discussion of family history. For the next 20 years, the GFO held meetings at the Meier and Frank building, the Portland Public Library, and other public meeting places. For many years it held its growing library collection at a member's home. By 1955, the GFO was offering genealogical classes and working with others, such as the Oregon State Archives, to identify and catalog genealogical resources in Oregon. In 1968, the GFO moved into its first devoted library space, a room in the Governor Building on Southwest Second Avenue. Since then, the GFO has moved three more times, jumping the river to the Central Eastside in 1999. In 1991, the GFO successfully hosted the National Genealogical Conference in the States, the first national conference of its kind held in the Pacific Northwest. Oregon Governor Barbara Roberts proclaimed Family History Week in honor of the GFO and the conference. The GFO hosted the NGS again in 2001, and at the time was the only organization to host the Conference twice. In 2011, the GFO moved to its present location in the historic Ford Building at Southeast Eleventh Avenue and Division Street. ~ Wikipedia

We as a society are proud members of GFO, a non-profit organization that is all volunteer.  
<https://gfo.org/support-us/annual-appeal.html>

**Starting January 16, 2021, learn how you as an individual member can access all of GFO's resources online from home with Laural Smith. A online free, live and interactive ZOOM is scheduled. Go to the resource page and register - <https://gfo.org/learn/member-access-to-resources.html> .**



**Check out GFO publications!**  
<https://gfo.org/learn/our-publications/>

## Genealogy Tidbits con't



### RootsTech 2021 FREE online Event!

RootsTech 2021 , Salt Lake City, Utah - Feb. 25 thru Feb.27 2021

Attend the largest global genealogy conference to learn more about your family history, interact with new technology or share your innovative ideas with the world. For more information, visit the Rootstech website. <https://www.rootstech.org/rootstech-2017?lang=eng> .

For the first time ever, the world's largest family celebration event will be entirely virtual and completely free. Get ready to celebrate shared connections with people from around the world. Connect with friends, your family, your past, and your heritage and homelands—all from the comfort of your home and in your browser.



**DEFENSE POW/MIA ACCOUNTING AGENCY**  
FULFILLING OUR NATION'S PROMISE

Do you have missing family members from past conflicts? The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Office may be of help to you. The mission of the site, a office of accountability for military families is to provide the fullest possible accounting for our missing personnel to their families and the nation. The site provides the latest information on missing military personnel from WW II to Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003. The agency provides this service with integrity, compassion, and respect for our nations missing and unidentified service members to their families. The site provides lists of missing soldiers listed by state and conflict. There are 72,000 missing personnel from WWII alone that have not been accounted for. Just in Oregon alone there is 884 unaccounted for.

Recently, the DPAA announced that Navy Coxswain Paul L. Boemer, 21, killed during World War II, was accounted for on Sept. 29, 2020. On Dec. 7, 1941, Boemer was assigned to the battleship USS Oklahoma, which was moored at Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, when the ship was attacked by Japanese aircraft. The USS Oklahoma sustained multiple torpedo hits, which caused it to quickly capsize. The attack on the ship resulted in the deaths of 429 crewmen, including Boemer.

Please visit the site and view the work being done to bring them home.

<https://www.dpaa.mil/>

<https://www.facebook.com/dodpaa>



Photo: Paupa, New Guinea 1943 \_G. Morris

## Oregon Genealogy

### Oregon Genealogy Network

Oregon Genealogy Network on Facebook now has over 600 members and growing. It is a vital resource for your genealogy questions and is a very informative source for researching. The network consists of amateur as well as researchers well versed in helping you answer your family history questions.

Many members are members of other genealogy and history groups around the state.

Join today!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/190997804291208/>

### Oregon History and Genealogy

#### Oregon Historical Society

1200 SW Park Ave.  
Portland, Oregon  
503.222.1741

### Genealogical Forum Of Oregon

Oregon's premier genealogy library!  
Library, Book Store, classes and more!  
Online classes and events  
<https://gfo.org/who-we-are/calendar.html>

### Oregon Genealogical Society

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Eugene, Oregon 97401  
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### OrGenWeb

Or GenWeb is hosted by USGenWeb and is part of a volunteer group of researchers and genealogists from each state providing free online information to the genealogy community. Started over 20 years ago, USGenWeb has grown into one of the largest free genealogy sites on the internet.  
<http://www.orgenweb.org/index.html>

## Washington Genealogy

### Washington Genealogy Network

Washington Genealogy Network on Facebook now has over 550 members and growing. Like its sister state of Oregon, this site provides researchers a way to find information and answers to your research questions.

Many members are members of other genealogy and history groups around the state of Washington.

Join Today!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/222494824442130/>

Yakima Valley Genealogical Society  
1901 S. 12th Avenue  
Union Gap, Washington 98903-1256

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Union Gap, Washington 98903-1256

## Local Historical Resources

Wasco County Historical Society  
300 W. 13th St.  
The Dalles, Oregon 97058  
541-296-1867

Wasco County Original Courthouse  
410 W. 2nd Place  
The Dalles, Oregon 97058  
541.296.4798

Wasco County Pioneer Association  
vasallee@gmail.com  
541.296.4043

Ft Dalles Historical Museum  
500 W. 15th and Garrison St.  
The Dalles, Oregon 97058  
541.296.5457

Hood River Historical Society  
300E Port Marina Drive  
Hood River, Oregon 97031  
[info@hoodriverhistorymuseum.org](mailto:info@hoodriverhistorymuseum.org)  
541.386.6772



## Mid-Columbia Genealogical Resources

### Family History Centers

The Dalles FHC  
1815 E. 15th St.  
The Dalles, Oregon 97058

Goldendale FHC  
N. Columbus Ave & McLinley  
P.O. Box 109  
Goldendales, Wa. 98620

Stevenson FHC  
650 NW Gropper Rd.  
Stevenson, Wa. 98648

Hood River FHC  
1825 May St.  
Hood river, Oregon 97031

### Libraries

The Dalles Wasco County  
722 Court St.  
The Dalles, Or. 97058  
541.296.2815

William G. Dick Library  
5000 Discovery Drive  
The Dalles, Or. 97058  
541.296.8600 EX. 219

Hood River County Library  
502 State St.  
Hood River, Or. 97031  
541.386.2535

### Ft. Vancouver Regional Libraries

Goldendale  
1313 Burgen St.  
Goldendale, Wa. 98620  
509.773.4487

White Salmon Valley  
5 Town and Country Square  
Whire Salmon, Wa. 98672  
509.0493.1132

Stevenson  
120 NW Vanciouver Ave.  
Stevenson, Wa. 98648  
509.427.5471



### Historical Resources In The Gorge

Fort Dalles Museum  
W. 15th & Garrison St.  
The Dalles, Or. 97058  
541.296.4547

Columbia Gorge Discovery Center  
5000 Discovery Drive  
The Dalles, Or. 97058  
541.296.8600

Wasco County Historical Society  
300 W. 13th St.  
The Dalles, Or. 97058  
541.296.1867

Museum of Hood River  
300 E. Port Marina Dr.  
Hood River, Or. 97031  
541.386.6722

Gorge Heritage Museum  
202 E. Humbolt  
Bingen, Wa. 98605  
509.493.3228

Dufur Historical Society  
P.O. Box 462  
Dufur, Or. 97021

Klickitat County Historical Society  
127 W. Broadway  
Goldendale, Wa. 98620  
509.77.4303

Presby Museum  
127 W. Broadway  
Goldendale, Wa. 98620  
509.773.4303

Sherman County Historical society  
200 Dewey St.  
Moro, Or. 97039  
541.565.3232

Maryhill Museum  
35 Maryhill Museum Drive,  
Goldendale, Wa. 98620

Original Wasco County Courthouse  
PO Box 839  
410 West 2nd Place  
The Dalles, Oregon 97058252  
(541) 296-4798

Columbia Gorge Interpretive Centrerr  
990 SW Rock Creek Dr.  
Stevenson, Wa. 988648

# Calendar This! Upcoming Programs

(Subject to change)

All general meetings and programs are now ZOOM events Check the schedule on our blog site for information.  
<https://gorgegen.blogspot.com/>



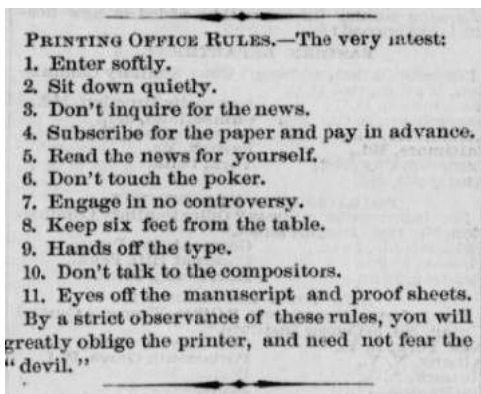
**January 2021 -TBA**

**February 2021**

Rootstech 2021  
Feb. 25-27  
<https://www.rootstech.org>  
Register now!

**March 2021 - TBA**

## Genealogy Humour



Rules of the printing office - 1864

Genealogists practice safe distancing...  
We stay 100 years back.



If you have a program or lecture you would like to present or know of someone that does, please contact us.  
We always welcome ideas!



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